

REMARKS

The Examiner's Interview Summary mailed September 25, 2001, requires that Applicant provide a separate record of such interview. This response is such a separate record and reflects the summary of the interview provided in Applicant's response also mailed September 25, 2001.

The undersigned and Examiner Kielin discussed the instant application during a telephonic interview on September 21, 2001. During such interview currently applied art, specifically Matsuura and Morita, and previously applied art, specifically Yau were discussed. The undersigned pointed out to the Examiner that embodiments of the instant invention provide for forming a dielectric material layer comprising carbon and silicon on the substrate and any integrated circuitry disposed over the substrate prior to the layer's forming. That is to say that embodiments in accordance with the instant invention do not have the limitation of first forming an intervening dielectric layer (such as silicon oxide layer 3 in Figs 7(a)-(c) of Matsuura or silicon oxide layer 9 in Figs. 1 and 2 of Morita).

In addition, the undersigned pointed out to the Examiner that the instant invention includes embodiments that use a "dry" oxygen-comprising moiety. To this effect the Examiner was directed to page 7, lines 5-7 of the specification where such a dry oxygen-comprising moiety is defined. Thus hydrogen peroxide as taught by Yao, Matsuura and others is not included by Applicant's defined oxygen-comprising moiety.

The rejection of Claims 16 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §112 was also discussed. The undersigned asked the Examiner if the remark on page 3 of the Office Action where the Examiner referred to Applicant's argument implied that the Examiner believed that the specification is enabling for all of the layers to substantially remain the same. The Examiner stated that he so believed and that an amendment to reflect such would overcome the §112 rejection.

Respectfully submitted,

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